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SENATE BILL 253

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE MATCH FOR SCIENCE
EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT AND TEACHER OUTREACH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 and subsequent fiscal years to match a grant from the Howard Hughes medical institute for the following purposes:

(1) to enhance undergraduate science education for the life sciences, primarily in the colleges of agriculture and home economics and arts and sciences;

(2) to provide stipends for approximately two hundred thirty New Mexico high school teachers to take summer

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1 refresher courses in chemistry, biology, physics, geology and
2 astronomy;

3 (3) to purchase approximately one hundred
4 sixty science activity kits for high school teachers to enhance
5 their effectiveness in teaching sciences; and

6 (4) to create a portable molecular biology
7 laboratory that will travel, along with an appropriate
8 instructor, to high schools in New Mexico to provide examples
9 of science instruction not readily available to high school
10 programs.

11 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
12 at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general
13 fund.